

2014 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: Long Term Plan for Lakewood and Leschi Marinas

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

DPR should provide a report to the Parks and Neighborhoods Committee of City Council (or its successor) detailing a long-term plan for the Lakewood and Leschi Marinas before proceeding with an RFP process for management of either or both marinas.

This plan should include:

- A detailed report on the progress of immediate moorage repairs at Leschi's South Moorage;
- A report on the vision and plan for the future of the two marinas, as informed by the Project Advisory Teams; DPR revenue, management and public access priorities; and marina market analysis. This report should include detail on marina management structure (concession vs. in-house DPR management vs. privatization vs. other options);
- A plan for ongoing community involvement in the future RFP process and oversight of the marinas; and
- A plan (including timeline) for renovations at both marinas.

Background

DPR owns two moorages on Lake Washington -- Lakewood Moorage (138 wet moorage slips) and Leschi Moorage (214 wet and 119 dry moorage slips). The moorages were created in the mid-20th century as a response to the post-war boom in boating and are operated using a concession model, meaning a private operator runs day-to-day operations, but does not perform major maintenance. Over the years, dock conditions have deteriorated, with limited investments or repairs by the City.

In mid-2013 DPR issued an RFP process for contractors to operate Lakewood and Leschi marinas. The RFP asked bidders to be "creative" in thinking about how to generate activity and revenue at the marinas. Marina tenants (slip holders) were not involved in a pre-RFP discussion about the vision for the two marinas or the needs of users. Soon after the RFP was issued several marina tenants and neighborhood residents informed DPR that the RFP process did not address marina tenant or community concerns. Concerns include, but are not limited to, poor dock conditions, a desire to

maintain space for smaller boats, connections with neighborhoods and public usage, affordability of moorages, Parks investment in the moorages, and additional amenities at each marina. As a result, DPR halted the RFP process in order to regroup and gather community input. DPR is in the early stages of community involvement in developing a long-term vision and new RFP for both marinas.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Parks and Neighborhoods

Date Due to Council: August 1, 2014